

Rurality,* by Year, Maine, 2000 and 2010

Year	Living in Rural Areas	
	number	%
2000	762,045	59.8
2010	814,819	61.3

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census. Percent Urban and Rural in 2010 by State (http://www2.census.gov/geo/ua/PctUrbanRural_State.xls, downloaded 4/3/12) and data query from the American FactFinder: Table P002 (http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/wc_dec.xhtml, accessed 4/3/12).

*Rural is defined by the US Census Bureau as all territory, population, and housing units located within an urbanized area (UA) or an urban cluster (UC). It delineates UA and UC boundaries to encompass densely settled territory, which consists of: core census block groups or blocks that have a population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile and surrounding census blocks that have an overall density of at least 500 people per square mile. In addition, under certain conditions, less densely settled territory may be part of each UA or UC. The rural component contains both place and nonplace territory. Geographic entities, such as census tracts, counties, metropolitan areas, and the territory outside metropolitan areas, often are "split" between urban and rural territory, and the population and housing units they contain often are partly classified as urban and partly classified as rural.